

IN THE CLAIMS:

A complete listing of all claims pending, amended and canceled is included as follows:

1. (currently amended) A stand for mail sorting or other applications, which is of modular construction and includes one or more upright tubular frame members and a shelving system including one or more shelves each adapted to be engaged with ~~connectable to~~ the frame member(s) along a single side of the shaft by one or more bracket parts, the bracket parts adapted to enable ~~enabling~~ the shelves to be ~~mounted to~~ engaged with and ~~removed~~ disengaged from the upright frame member(s) along a plane lying substantially perpendicular to the length ~~from one side or from the front of the~~ upright frame members; wherein each shelf includes a tubular shelf frame carried by one or more of said bracket parts for supporting a tray, bin, basket, shelving or container. ~~similar.~~
2. (currently amended) ~~A~~ The stand according to claim 1 wherein the stand comprises two or more upright tubular frame members connected together at an upper part of the frame members.
3. (currently amended) ~~A~~ The stand according to claim 2 wherein the stand comprises two upright tubular frame members and a connection between an upper part of the frame members, which are formed from a single length of tubular material in an inverted U shape.
4. (currently amended) ~~A~~ The stand according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the shelf frame(s) and bracket part(s) are separate components which can be fitted together.

5. (currently amended) A The stand according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein said tubular shelf frame includes parallel rear and front frame parts for supporting a separately formed tray, bin, basket, shelving or container. ~~similar.~~

6. (currently amended) A The stand according to claim 5 wherein the shelf frame is formed by a single length of tubular material formed into an open rectangular shape.

7. (currently amended) A The stand according to claim 5 wherein the bracket part(s) which connect the shelf frame to the frame member(s) are carried by the rear shelf frame part.

8. (currently amended) A stand for mail sorting or other applications, which is of modular construction and includes one or more upright tubular frame members and a shelving system including one or more shelves each adapted to be engaged with ~~connectable to~~ the frame member(s) along a single side of the shelf by one or more bracket parts the bracket parts adapted to enable ~~enabling~~ the shelves to be ~~mounted to~~ engaged with and ~~removed~~ disengaged from the upright frame member(s) along a plane lying substantially perpendicular to the length ~~from one side or from the front of the~~ upright frame members; wherein one or more of the shelves each carry on the shelf frame thereof a tray, bin, basket, shelving or containers ~~similar~~ comprising a base and a rear wall; wherein the tray, bin, basket, shelving or container ~~similar~~ comprises two or more similar segments which connect together.

9. (currently amended) A The stand according to claim 8 wherein the shelf frame of the shelves includes a front and rear shelf frame part, and one or more formations on the back of the rear wall of the tray, bin, basket, shelving or containers ~~similar~~ clip-connect

to the rear shelf frame part and the underside of the base of the tray, bin, basket, shelving or containers~~similar~~ is supported by the front shelf frame part.

10. (currently amended) A-The stand according to any one of claims 8 to 9 including partitions for dividing the tray, bin, basket, shelving or container ~~similar~~ across the stand.

11. (currently amended) A-The stand according to claim 10 wherein the tray, bin, basket, shelving or ~~similar~~ or container is formed with a plurality of apertures spaced along its length into which said partitions may be engaged to connect the partitions to the tray, bin, basket, shelving or container.~~similar.~~

12. (currently amended) A stand for mail sorting or other applications, which is of modular construction and includes one or more upright tubular frame members and a shelving system including one or more shelves each adapted to be engaged with ~~connectable to~~ the frame member(s) along a single side of the shelf by one or more bracket parts, the bracket parts adapted to enable ~~enabling~~ the shelves to be ~~mounted to~~ engaged with and ~~removed~~ disengaged from the upright frame member(s) along a plane substantially perpendicular to the length of the upright frame members~~from one side of the frame~~; wherein the bracket part(s) include an entry passage on one side adapted to enable ~~enabling~~ the one or more shelves to be ~~mounted to~~ engaged with and ~~removed~~ disengaged from the upright frame members along the plane~~from one side of the upright frame members.~~

13. (currently amended) A-The stand according to claim 12 wherein the bracket parts include a hollow interior defined between an upper portion for engaging an upright frame member from the rear and a lower portion for engaging the upright frame member from the front when a shelf is mounted to the upright member(s), and said entry passage

in the form of a longitudinally extending aperture on one side of the bracket part, so that the shelves may be mounted to the upright frame member(s) by tilting a front of a shelf upwardly relative to its normal position when mounted to the upright frame member(s), moving the shelf on to the upright member(s) from one side so that the tubular upright member(s) pass through the entry passage into the bracket(s), and then dropping the front of the shelf downwardly, to engage the shelf in position on the upright frame member(s) (and the reverse for removal).

14. (currently amended) A-The stand according to claim 13 wherein the upright frame member(s) include a series of apertures or indentations along the length(s) thereof into which a protrusion from the interior of the bracket part(s) may locate when shelves are mounted to the upright frame members.

15. (currently amended) A-The stand according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 12, wherein the stand is a mail sorting stand, including two upright tubular frame members, wherein each shelf includes a lightweight tubular shelf frame and wherein the upright frame members and shelf frames are formed from lightweight metal tube, and also including one or more tray(s), bin(s), basket(s), shelving or similar or container carried by the shelf frames.

16. (currently amended) A-The mail sorting stand according to claim 15 wherein the bracket parts and the tray, bin, basket, shelving or similar or container are formed from a plastic material.

17. (withdrawn) A support part or bracket for supporting an item from an upright member, including a hollow interior defined between an upper portion for engaging the upright member from a rear and a lower portion for engaging the upright member from a front when the item is mounted to the upright member, and an entry in the form of a

longitudinally extending aperture on one side of the support part, so that the item may be mounted to the upright member by tilting the support part upwardly from it's normal mounted position, moving the support part on to the upright member from one side so that the tubular upright member passes through the entry passage into the support part, and then tilting the item downwardly, to engage the item in position on the upright member (and the reverse for removal).

18. (withdrawn) A tray, bin, basket or similar for use in a stand for mail sorting or other applications, the tray, bin, basket or similar including two or more similar segments which are interconnected, each segment including a base and a rear wall.

19. (withdrawn) A tray, bin, basket or similar according to claim 18, wherein each adjacent pair of segments are interconnected by a protruding part on a side of a first one of the adjacent segments which engages into a corresponding recess on a side of a second one of the adjacent segments.

20. (withdrawn) A tray, bin, basket or similar according to claim 19 wherein each segment includes a protruding part on one side and a corresponding recess on the other side.

21. (withdrawn) A segment for use in a tray, bin, basket or similar according to any of claims 18 to 20, the segment including a base and a rear wall, a protruding part on one side and a corresponding recess on the other side.

22. (withdrawn) A method of constructing a stand according to claim 12, the method including mounting the shelf to the upright frame members from one side of the upright frame members.

23. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 22 wherein the mounting of the shelf to the upright frame members includes the steps of:
tilting the bracket upwardly so that the longitudinally extending aperture on the side of the bracket part aligns with the side of the upright frame member;
moving the bracket on to the upright frame member from one side so that the tubular upright frame member passes through the entry passage in the bracket; and
tilting the bracket downwardly so that the lower portion of the bracket and the upper portion of the bracket engage the shelf in position on the upright frame member.

24. (withdrawn) A method of deconstructing a stand according to claim 12, the method including removing the shelf from the upright frame members from one side of the upright frame members.

25. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 24 wherein the removing of the shelf from the upright frame members includes the steps of:
tilting the bracket upwardly so that the longitudinally extending aperture on the side of the bracket part aligns with the side of the upright frame member;
moving the bracket away from the upright frame member from one side so that the tubular upright frame member passes through the entry passage in the bracket.